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ANSWER 3 OF 36 MEDLINE L3 2002071546 AN MEDLINE PubMed ID: 11798093 DN 21656358 In vitro studies of membrane protein folding. TIBooth P J; Templer R H; Meijberg W; Allen S J; Curran A R; Lorch M ΑU CS Department of Biochemistry, School of Medical Sciences, University Walk, Bristol, UK.. paula.booth@bristol.ac.uk CRITICAL REVIEWS IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (2001) 36 (6) SO 501-603. Ref: 299 Journal code: 8903774. ISSN: 1040-9238. CYUnited States DTJournal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE) General Review; (REVIEW) (REVIEW, ACADEMIC) LΑ English FS Priority Journals EM200206 Entered STN: 20020125 ED Last Updated on STN: 20020606 Entered Medline: 20020605 AB The study of membrane protein folding is a new and challenging research field. Consequently, there are few direct studies on the in vitro folding of membrane proteins. This review covers work aimed at understanding folding mechanisms and the intermolecular forces that drive the folding of integral membrane proteins. We discuss the kinetic and thermodynamic studies that have been undertaken. Our review also draws on closely related research, mainly from purification studies of functional membrane proteins, and gives an overview of some of the successful methods. A brief survey is also given of the large body of mutagenesis and fragment work on membrane proteins, as this too has relevance to the folding problem. It is noticeable that the choice of solubilizing detergents and lipids can determine the success of the method, and indeed it appears that particular lipid properties can be used to control the rate and efficiency of folding. This has important ramifications for much in vitro folding work in that it aids our understanding of how to obtain and handle folded, functional protein. With this in mind, we also cover some relevant properties of model, lipid-bilayer systems. ANSWER 4 OF 36 MEDLINE L3 AN 2001402919 MEDLINE DNPubMed ID: 11455545 ΤI Generalized-ensemble algorithms for molecular simulations of biopolymers. ΑU Mitsutake A; Sugita Y; Okamoto Y CS Department of Theoretical Studies, Institute for Molecular Science, Okazaki, Aichi, Japan. SO BIOPOLYMERS, (2001) 60 (2) 96-123. Ref: 140 Journal code: 0372525. ISSN: 0006-3525. United States CY DТ Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE) General Review; (REVIEW) (REVIEW, ACADEMIC) LA English FS Priority Journals EM 200109 ED Entered STN: 20010924 Last Updated on STN: 20010924 Entered Medline: 20010920 AB In complex systems with many degrees of freedom such as peptides and proteins, there exists a huge number of local-minimum-energy states. Conventional simulations in the canonical ensemble are of little use, because they tend to get trapped in states of these energy local minima. A simulation in generalized ensemble performs a random walk in potential energy space and can overcome this difficulty. From only one simulation run, one can obtain canonical-ensemble averages of physical quantities as functions of temperature by the single-histogram and/or multiple-histogram

reweighting techniques. In this article we review uses of the generalized-ensemble algorithms in biomolecular systems. Three well-known methods, namely, multicanonical algorithm, simulated tempering, and replica-exchange method, are described first. Both Monte Carlo and molecular dynamics versions of the algorithms are given. We then present three new generalized-ensemble algorithms that combine the merits of the above methods. The effectiveness of the methods for molecular simulations in the protein folding problem is tested with short peptide systems.

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TI Is the unfolded state the Rosetta Stone of the protein **folding** problem?.

AU Hammarstrom P; Carlsson U

- CS IFM-Department of Chemistry, Linkoping University, Linkoping, S-581 83, Sweden.
- SO BIOCHEMICAL AND BIOPHYSICAL RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS, (2000 Sep 24) 276 (2) 393-8. Ref: 40 Journal code: 0372516. ISSN: 0006-291X.

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AB Solving the protein folding problem is one of the most challenging tasks in the post genomic era. Identification of folding-initiation sites is very important in order to understand the protein folding mechanism. Detection of residual structure in unfolded proteins can yield important clues to the initiation sites in protein folding. A substantial number of studied proteins possess residual structure in hydrophobic regions clustered together in the protein core. These stable structures can work as seeds in the folding process. In addition, local preferences for secondary structure in the form of turns for beta-sheet initiation and helical turns for alpha-helix formation can guide the folding reaction. In this respect the unfolded states, studied at increasing structural resolution, can be the Rosetta Stone of the protein folding problem.

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- L3 ANSWER 6 OF 36 MEDLINE
- AN 2001041022 MEDLINE
- DN 20400935 PubMed ID: 10940248
- TI Protein folding intermediates and pathways studied by hydrogen exchange.

AU Englander S W

- CS Johnson Research Foundation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.. walter@HX2.Med.upenn.Edu
- SO ANNUAL REVIEW OF BIOPHYSICS AND BIOMOLECULAR STRUCTURE, (2000) 29 213-38. Ref: 146

Journal code: 9211097. ISSN: 1056-8700.

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In order to solve the immensely difficult protein-folding AΒ problem, it will be necessary to characterize the barriers that slow folding and the intermediate structures that promote it. Although protein-folding intermediates are not accessible to the usual structural studies, hydrogen exchange (HX) methods have been able to detect and characterize intermediates in both kinetic and equilibrium modes -- as transient kinetic folding intermediates on a subsecond time scale, as labile equilibrium molten globule intermediates under destabilizing conditions, and as infinitesimally populated intermediates in the high free-energy folding landscape under native conditions. Available results consistently indicate that protein-folding landscapes are dominated by a small number of discrete, metastable, native-like partially unfolded forms (PUFs). The PUFs appear to be produced, one from another, by the unfolding and refolding of the protein's intrinsically cooperative secondary structural elements, which can spontaneously create stepwise unfolding and refolding pathways. Kinetic experiments identify three kinds of barrier processes: (a) an initial intrinsic search-nucleation-collapse process that prepares the chain for intermediate formation by pinning it into a condensed coarsely native-like topology; (b) smaller search-dependent barriers that put the secondary structural units into place; and (c) optional error-dependent misfold-reorganization barriers that can cause slow folding, intermediate accumulation, and folding heterogeneity. These conclusions provide a coherent explanation for the grossly disparate folding behavior of different globular proteins in terms of distinct folding pathways.

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AN 1999290833 MEDLINE

DN 99290833 PubMed ID: 10361090

TI Exposing the kinetic traps in RNA folding.

AU Treiber D K; Williamson J R

CS Department of Molecular Biology, Skaggs Institute for Chemical Biology, The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, CA 92037, USA.. treiber@scripps.edu

SO CURRENT OPINION IN STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY, (1999 Jun) 9 (3) 339-45. Ref: 47 Journal code: 9107784. ISSN: 0959-440X.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

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EM 199907

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- AB Large ribozymes fold on a 'glacial' timescale compared to the folding of their protein counterparts. The sluggish folding exhibited by large RNAs results from the formation of kinetically trapped, misfolded intermediates, which are nonessential features of the folding mechanism. Newly developed mutant ribozymes that avoid kinetic traps should facilitate the study of the RNA folding problem.
- L3 ANSWER 8 OF 36 MEDLINE

AN 1999337584 MEDLINE

DN 99337584 PubMed ID: 10407402

TI Beyond proteins.

AU Robson B

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SO TRENDS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY, (1999 Aug) 17 (8) 311-5. Ref: 22 Journal code: 8310903. ISSN: 0167-7799.

ENGLAND: United Kingdom CY DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE) General Review; (REVIEW) (REVIEW, TUTORIAL) English LA Priority Journals FS EΜ 199909 Entered STN: 19991012 ED Last Updated on STN: 19991012 Entered Medline: 19990928 Increased understanding of the biological principles of protein structure AB and folding, combined with advances in protein-synthetic chemistry, should not only allow us to borrow from biology but also to depart from it and so produce protein-like, but non-protein, molecules and molecular devices. However, radical departures from protein-like forms into more-robust and truly novel 'smart' polymers and materials first require a solution to the protein-folding problem using only fundamental physicochemical principles. Any such practical solution may not come from raw computing power alone but rather from a deeper understanding of topological principles. ANSWER 9 OF 36 L3 MEDLINE MEDLINE AN 2000020729 PubMed ID: 10550208 DN 20020729 ΤI How RNA folds. AU Tinoco I Jr; Bustamante C CS Department of Chemistry, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720-1460, USA. NC GM 10840 (NIGMS) GM 32543 (NIGMS) JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1999 Oct 22) 293 (2) 271-81. Ref: 55 SO Journal code: 2985088R. ISSN: 0022-2836. CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE) DTGeneral Review; (REVIEW) (REVIEW, TUTORIAL) LA English Priority Journals FS EM 199911 ED Entered STN: 20000111 Last Updated on STN: 20000111 Entered Medline: 19991119 AΒ We describe the RNA folding problem and contrast it with the much more difficult protein folding problem. RNA has four similar monomer units, whereas proteins have 20 very different residues. The folding of RNA is hierarchical in that secondary structure is much more stable than tertiary folding. In RNA the two levels of folding (secondary and tertiary) can be experimentally separated by the presence or absence of Mg2+. Secondary structure can be predicted successfully from experimental thermodynamic data on secondary structure elements: helices, loops, and bulges. Tertiary interactions can then be added without much distortion of the secondary structure. These observations suggest a folding algorithm to predict the structure of an RNA from its sequence. However, to solve the RNA folding problem one needs thermodynamic data on tertiary structure interactions, and identification and characterization of metal-ion binding sites. These data, together with force versus extension measurements on single RNA molecules, should provide the information necessary to test and refine the proposed algorithm. Copyright 1999 Academic Press. L3 ANSWER 10 OF 36 MEDLINE AN 1999257331 MEDLINE DN 99257331 PubMed ID: 10322208 TINew Monte Carlo algorithms for protein folding.

Hansmann U H; Okamoto Y ΑU Department of Physics Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI CS 49931-1295, USA.. hansmann@mtu.edu CURRENT OPINION IN STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY, (1999 Apr) 9 (2) 177-83. Ref: 84 SO Journal code: 9107784. ISSN: 0959-440X. CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE) DT General Review; (REVIEW) (REVIEW, TUTORIAL) LA English Priority Journals FS 199908 EMEntered STN: 19990910 ED Last Updated on STN: 19990910 Entered Medline: 19990820 Over the past three decades, a number of powerful simulation algorithms AΒ have been introduced to the protein folding problem. For many years, the emphasis has been placed on how to both overcome the multiple minima problem and find the conformation with the global minimum potential energy. Since the new view of the protein folding mechanism (based on the free energy landscape of the protein system) arose in the past few years, however, it is now of interest to obtain a global knowledge of the phase space, including the intermediate and denatured states of proteins. Monte Carlo methods have proved especially valuable for these purposes. As well as new, powerful optimization techniques, novel algorithms that can sample much a wider phase space than conventional methods have been established. => d 11-20 bib ab ANSWER 11 OF 36 MEDLINE L3 MEDLINE AN 1998195429 DN 98195429 PubMed ID: 9526123 ΤI Denatured states of yeast phosphoglycerate kinase. ΑU Damaschun G; Damaschun H; Gast K; Zirwer D CS Institut fur Biologie der Humboldt-Universitat zu Berlin, Germany.. gdamasc@mdc-berlin.de SO BIOCHEMISTRY, (1998 Mar) 63 (3) 259-75. Ref: 98 Journal code: 0376536. ISSN: 0006-2979. CY RUSSIA: Russian Federation DTJournal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE) General Review; (REVIEW) (REVIEW, TUTORIAL) LAEnglish FS Priority Journals EM 199808 ED Entered STN: 19980820 Last Updated on STN: 19980820 Entered Medline: 19980811 Structures of proteins in unfolded states have important implications for AR the protein folding problem and for the translocation of polypeptide chains. Acid-denatured, cold-denatured, and 6 M guanidine hydrochloride (GuHCl) denatured yeast phosphoglycerate kinase (PGK) are ensembles of flexible unfolded molecules with rapidly interconverting structures of the individual polypeptide chains. They differ, however, in their physical properties, such as in coil size and in stiffness over a short distance along the chain. These properties of polypeptide chains can be described well by persistence statistics. A solution containing 0.7 M GuHCl at 4.5 degrees C is nearly a Theta-solvent for PGK. By contrast, 6 M GuHCl is a good solvent for PGK. Acid-denatured PGK at low ionic strength has the most expanded and stiffest chains. The conformation of heat-denatured PGK should be more compact than that of random walk chains at the Theta-point, as can be inferred from measurements on other proteins. Investigations of heat-denatured PGK by scattering methods are

unfeasible due to aggregation of the protein. The persistence length as a measure of chain stiffness varies between a = 1.74 nm for cold-denatured PGK and a = 3.0 nm for acid-denatured PGK. The distribution functions of the gyration radii were calculated from the X-ray scattering data for all unfolded states and compared with the radius of gyration of the natively folded molecule.

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AN 1999106815 MEDLINE

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TI Protein structure prediction and design.

AU Morea V; Leplae R; Tramontano A

CS IRBM P. Angeletti, Pomezia, Rome, Italy.

SO BIOTECHNOLOGY ANNUAL REVIEW, (1998) 4 177-214. Ref: 160 Journal code: 9616443.

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AB Proteins have a unique native conformation, which can be proven in many instances to be determined by the amino acid sequence alone. The folding problem, that is the understanding of how the amino acid sequence directs folding, is still unsolved, despite more than 30 years of effort. However, many new methods have appeared in the past few years. This chapter describes the different principles underlying them and tries to give an overview of their successes and pitfalls.

L3 ANSWER 13 OF 36 MEDLINE

AN 1998179825 MEDLINE

DN 98179825 PubMed ID: 9519299

TI Simplified proteins: minimalist solutions to the 'protein folding problem'.

AU Plaxco K W; Riddle D S; Grantcharova V; Baker D

CS Department of Biochemistry, University of Washington, Seattle 98195, USA.. kwp@elina.bchem.washington.edu

SO CURRENT OPINION IN STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY, (1998 Feb) 8 (1) 80-5. Ref: 48 Journal code: 9107784. ISSN: 0959-440X.

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- AB Recent research has suggested that stable, native proteins may be encoded by simple sequences of fewer than the full set of 20 proteogenic amino acids. Studies of the ability of simple amino acid sequences to encode stable, topologically complex, native conformations and to fold to these conformations in a biologically relevant time frame have provided insights into the sequence determinants of protein structure and folding kinetics. They may also have important implications for protein design and for theories of the origins of protein synthesis itself.
- L3 ANSWER 14 OF 36 MEDLINE
- AN 1998179824 MEDLINE
- DN 98179824 PubMed ID: 9519298

Pathways for protein folding: is a new view needed?. TIPande V S; Grosberg AYu; Tanaka T; Rokhsar D S AU Department of Physics, University of California at Berkeley, CA CS 94720-7300, USA.. vijay@physics.berkeley.edu CURRENT OPINION IN STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY, (1998 Feb) 8 (1) 68-79. Ref: 114 so Journal code: 9107784. ISSN: 0959-440X. CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE) DTGeneral Review; (REVIEW) (REVIEW, TUTORIAL) LA English FS Priority Journals EM 199805 Entered STN: 19980514 ED Last Updated on STN: 19980514 Entered Medline: 19980501 Theoretical studies using simplified models of proteins have shed light on AB the general heteropolymeric aspects of the folding problem. Recent work has emphasized the statistical aspects of folding pathways. In particular, progress has been made in characterizing the ensemble of transition state conformations and elucidating the role of intermediates. These advances suggest a reconciliation between the new ensemble approaches and the classical view of a folding pathway. ANSWER 15 OF 36 MEDLINE L3AN 1998357356 MEDLINE DN PubMed ID: 9692327 98357356 Protein design: on the threshold of functional properties. TI Tuchscherer G; Scheibler L; Dumy P; Mutter M AU CS Institute of Organic Chemistry, University of Lausanne, Switzerland. so BIOPOLYMERS, (1998) 47 (1) 63-73. Ref: 58 Journal code: 0372525. ISSN: 0006-3525. CY United States Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE) DT General Review; (REVIEW) (REVIEW, TUTORIAL) LΑ English FS Priority Journals EM199809 ED Entered STN: 19980917 Last Updated on STN: 19990129 Entered Medline: 19980908 AB The ultimate goal in protein de novo design is the creation of novel macromolecules with tailor-made receptor, sensory, and catalytic functions. Despite considerable progress in understanding basic rules of secondary structure formation and protein stability, the well-known protein folding problem is still far from being solved and, in general, only a limited number of designed proteins are folded uniquely. In this article the state-of-the-art in protein design is demonstrated on some selected examples, indicating that the construction of protein-like macromolecules mimicking some essential features of natural proteins seems to be within reach. Thus, protein design and mimicry has become an interdisciplinary challenge with most intriguing perspectives. L3ANSWER 16 OF 36 MEDLINE AN97348223 MEDLINE DN 97348223 PubMed ID: 9204274 TI Protein-facilitated RNA folding. AU Weeks K M CS Department of Chemistry, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 27599-3290, USA.. weeks@unc.edu CURRENT OPINION IN STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY, (1997 Jun) 7 (3) 336-42. Ref: 58 SO Journal code: 9107784. ISSN: 0959-440X. CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE) DTGeneral Review; (REVIEW) (REVIEW, TUTORIAL) English LΑ Priority Journals FS 199708 ΕM ED Entered STN: 19970825 Last Updated on STN: 19970825 Entered Medline: 19970808 In the absence of protein collaborators, both simple and complex RNAs AB often misfold or are unfolded. Biologically important RNAs solve their folding problem, in part, using the assistance of chaperone and cofactor proteins. Recent work emphasizes several rules for RNA-protein complexes: formation involves induced fit; many large RNAs fold slowly; and ribonucleoprotein assembly requires multiple steps. Finally, protein binding can introduce thermodynamic side effects. ANSWER 17 OF 36 MEDLINE L3 MEDLINE AN97398939 PubMed ID: 9255068 DN97398939 RNA seeing double: close-packing of helices in RNA tertiary structure. TIΑU Strobel S A; Doudna J A Department of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, Yale University, New CS Haven, CT 06520, USA. NC GM22778-21 (NIGMS) GM54839-01 (NIGMS) TRENDS IN BIOCHEMICAL SCIENCES, (1997 Jul) 22 (7) 262-6. Ref: 49 SO Journal code: 7610674. ISSN: 0968-0004. CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE) DT General Review; (REVIEW) (REVIEW, TUTORIAL) T.A English FS Priority Journals EM 199709 Entered STN: 19970922 Last Updated on STN: 20000303 Entered Medline: 19970905 Structured RNA molecules play essential roles in RNA processing, chromosome maintenance and protein biosynthesis. RNA necessarily uses different strategies than proteins for folding and assembly of complex architectures. The RNA-folding problem is largely an issue of helical packing: how does RNA organize and pack short, double-helical segments to produce active sites and recognition motifs for proteins? Noncanonical base pairs, metal ions and 2'-hydroxyl groups are key elements in RNA higher-order structure formation. L3ANSWER 18 OF 36 MEDLINE AN97414929 MEDLINE DN 97414929 PubMed ID: 9269572 TIThe Levinthal paradox: yesterday and today. ΑU Karplus M Laboratoire de Chimie Biophysique, Institute le Bel, Universite Louis CS Pasteur, Strasbourg, France.. marci@brel.u-strasbg.fr FOLDING AND DESIGN, (1997) 2 (4) S69-75. Ref: 75 SO Journal code: 9604387. ISSN: 1359-0278. CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE) DT General Review; (REVIEW) (REVIEW, TUTORIAL) LΑ English FS Priority Journals EΜ 199710 ED Entered STN: 19971013 Last Updated on STN: 19971013

Entered Medline: 19971001 A change in the perception of the protein folding AB problem has taken place recently. The nature of the change is outlined and the reasons for it are presented. An essential element is the recognition that a bias toward the native state over much of the effective energy surface may govern the folding process. This has replaced the random search paradigm of Levinthal and suggests that there are many ways of reaching the native state in a reasonable time so that a specific pathway does not have to be postulated. The change in perception is due primarily to the application of statistical mechanical models and lattice simulations to protein folding. Examples of lattice model results on protein folding are presented. It is pointed out that the new optimism about the protein folding problem must be complemented by more detailed studies to determine the structural and energetic factors that introduce the biases which make possible the folding of real proteins. ANSWER 19 OF 36 L3 MEDLINE 97184701 MEDLINE ΑN 97184701 PubMed ID: 9032055 DN TIThe prion folding problem. Harrison P M; Bamborough P; Daggett V; Prusiner S B; Cohen F E ΑU University of California, Box Number 450, San Francisco, CA-94143, USA. CS CURRENT OPINION IN STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY, (1997 Feb) 7 (1) 53-9. Ref: 51 SO Journal code: 9107784. ISSN: 0959-440X. ENGLAND: United Kingdom CY Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE) DT General Review; (REVIEW) (REVIEW, TUTORIAL) English LΑ FS Priority Journals EM 199703 Entered STN: 19970327 ED Last Updated on STN: 19970327 Entered Medline: 19970319 AΒ Prion diseases are neurodegenerative disorders in which dramatic conformational change in the structure of the prion protein is the fundamental event. This structural transition involves the loss of substantial alpha-helical content and the acquisition of beta-sheet structure. A convergence of recent biological and structural studies argues that the mechanism underlying the prion diseases is truly unprecedented. L3ANSWER 20 OF 36 MEDLINE AN97181651 MEDLINE DN 97181651 PubMed ID: 9029812 ΤI Gramicidin channels -- a solvable membrane "protein" folding problem. ΑU Andersen O S; Saberwal G; Greathouse D V; Koeppe R E 2nd CS Department of Physiology and Biophysics, Cornell University Medical College, New York, NY 10021, USA. NC GM21342 (NIGMS) GM34968 (NIGMS) SO INDIAN JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND BIOPHYSICS, (1996 Oct) 33 (5) 331-42. Ref: 79 Journal code: 0310774. ISSN: 0301-1208. CY India DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE) General Review; (REVIEW) (REVIEW, TUTORIAL) LA English FS Priority Journals EM 199703 ED Entered STN: 19970414 Last Updated on STN: 19970414

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AB The linear gramicidins are peptide antibiotics that form cation-selective channels in lipid bilayers. Gramicidin channels have very well-defined functional characteristics, and the structure of membrane-spanning gramicidin A channels is known at atomic resolution. These features make the gramicidins well suited to study how the amino acid sequence encodes the structure and function of a membrane-spanning channel. We show how one can use electrophysiological measurements to obtain structural information about conducting channels and to quantify the conformational preferences of sequence-substituted gramicidin mutants.

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